UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN RE ABROGATION OF RULE 16.2(i)(5) OF THE LOCAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Because Rule 16.2(i)(5) of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure for the Western District of New York conflicts with 28 U.S.C. § 657(c)(2), and in accordance with guidance in the form of a letter dated February 24, 2004, from the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Judicial Conference of the United States, it is hereby

ORDERED that Rule 16.2(i)(5) of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure for the Western District of New York is hereby abrogated, effective immediately.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Richard J. Arcara RICHARD J. ARCARA Chief United States District Judge _/s/ David G. Larimer_ __/s/_William M. Skretny_ DAVID G. LARIMER WILLIAM M. SKRETNY United States District Judge United States District Judge _/s/_Charles J. Siragusa_ ___/s/__John T. Curtin_ CHARLES J. SIRAGUSA JOHN T. CURTIN United States District Judge United States District Judge _/s/_John T. Elfvin_ __/s/__Michael A. Telesca_ JOHN T. ELFVIN MICHAEL A. TELESCA Senior United States District Judge Senior United States District Judge

DATED: April 26, 2004

Buffalo and Rochester, New York